



“FACET advocates pedagogical innovation....”

excerpt from FACET Mission

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM ON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

From the desk of Robin



On Friday, September 27th, the 2013 Under the Scholar's Tree program was held in Indianapolis.

George Rehry, principal instructional consultant with IU Bloomington's Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning led a discussion of 'Student Engagement in the Age of Ubiquitous Social Media.' George is well known for his work in the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) and his extensive collaborations with faculty working on SoTL.

Faculty from IUPUI, IU East, and IU Southeast participated in the workshop. George focused on helping faculty create assignments and activities that not only engaged the learner but aligned social media with student learning objectives.

FACET offers the Under the Scholar's Tree program each fall; this event was previously named the Lilly House event, because the event was originally held at the Lilly House. This program is designed to allow faculty to spend time in a small group exploring a topic that is of wide interest. Rather than a traditional presentation, the speaker serves as a facilitator for a wide-ranging discussion focused on the topic. A planning committee is currently being formed for the 2014 program. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, or have ideas for future programs, please contact the FACET office.

Update from Jon Becker

FALCON is right around the corner, and it's a brand new adventure for FACET! Our 18th annual conference-devoted solely to the professional development of lecturers and adjunct faculty members-has opened its doors to a broader and more diverse audience. Stepping outside the IU system for the first time, we are welcoming faculty members from other colleges and universities. FALCON has expanded from 2 to 3 days and introduced an exciting selection of pre-conference sessions. Other additions to FALCON include a poster session, an exhibitor hall, and awards presentation, where we will recognize the outstanding poster session, and one attendee will be recognized as FALCON's outstanding associate faculty member. In a break from past conferences, we are bringing in a non-IU keynote speaker, Dr. Todd Zakrajsek, to give the Hass-Birky lecture. Dr. Zakrajsek is the Executive Director of the Center for Faculty Excellence at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has published and presented in over 30 states and 4 countries on the topic of student learning. Please register and join us for Todd's exciting presentation on Friday. The closing plenary will be presented by Mike Polites, Senior Lecturer in Communications at IUPUI. In addition to being an outstanding communicator and exceptional teacher, Mike is a stand-up comedian whose presentation on life within and beyond academia will cap off the conference with boisterous laughter and a challenge to exceed our students' expectations.

Campus Updates

All Centers Meeting: October 25, 2013 from 10am - 3pm. This meeting will bring together the staff and leadership of each of the 8 IU centers for teaching and learning to discuss pertinent topics.

FALCON 2013: November 8-10, 2013 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. This is FACET's first foray into the national conference scene so please help us reach our goals: Share the call and conference information with your contacts. Registration is open: <http://go.iu.edu/83V>

Planning Ahead:

2014 Retreat: May 16-17 at Sheraton City Centre in Indianapolis, IN.

Would you like to have your FACET sponsored or teaching related event highlighted on the FACET calendar? Please send requests to the FACET office at facet@iu.edu. The calendar can be viewed here: <https://facet.indiana.edu/events-programs/index.shtml>

Other News:

The FACET Staff met recently with Jennifer Piurek and April Toler from IU Communications. There are plans underway to highlight the fantastic work done by FACET members around the state. YOU may be contacted for quotes, or to tell your FACET or SoTL story. In the meantime, if you have ideas on stories that would highlight the FACET connection, please contact the FACET staff at facet@iu.edu. Thank you for your cooperation as we try to put FACET in front of the broader university audience.